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Reply To Requirement for Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated August 30, 2002, requesting an election of one species to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute species 3, Hepatitis B particle with covalently associated antigen, and the sequence of claim 28 having at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 158. This election is made without traverse, and without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims, species or inventions disclosed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Requirement for Election of Species, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees

required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Del Buono", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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